Upgradation of District Telephone Manager in Manipur

2645. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the District telephone Manager of Manipur has been upgraded;

(b) if so, what are the new upgradation of Telephone Department in the North-East States; and

(c) whether Government have a plan for contemplating the further division of Telephone Department specially for Manipur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The office of Telephone District Managers of Silchar, Tripura, Mizoram, Nagaland, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh of North-East States have also been upgraded to the level of General Manager Telecom Districts.

(c) No, Sir.

Satellite Communication for Arunachal Pradesh

2646. SHRI NABAM REBIA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal of Satellite communication (SAT-COM) for consideration from the Central Pool has been received from Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the action taken in this direction, and

(c) If not, steps taken or proposed to be taken to improve telecommunication system in such remote border States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) Yea, Sir.

(b) and (c) As Department of Telecom Services (DTS) has already planned augmentation of its existing Satellite based network in Arunachal Pradesh (AP) which would provide various telecom facilities between District Headquarters and Liasion Offices needed by Government of AP except video conferencing by March, 2001, a separate Sat. Com. Network exclusively for Govt. of AP is not considered necessary.